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Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

Progress of water recovery towards Groundwater SDLs under the Basin Plan

Incorporating accredited Water Resource Plans and updated water recovery factors for New South Wales

Contracted groundwater recovery as at 30 June 2024

	Sustainable Diversion Limit Reduction Amount			Bridging the Gap Recovery Progress		Remaining
SDL Resource Unit (or Shared Zone)	Local Target (GL)	Shared Target (GL)	**Total Target (GL)**	**Commonwealth Contracted Recovery (GL)** [1][2]	**Total Recovery (GL)**	**Total recovery remaining (GL)**
QLD Upper Condamine Alluvium (Central Condamine Alluvium)	35.40	N/A	**35.40**	35.15	**35.15**	**0.25**
QLD Upper Condamine Alluvium (Tributaries) [3]	3.05		**3.05**	0.10	**0.10**	**2.95**
Total Basin	**38.45**	**N/A**	**38.45**	**35.25**	**35.25**	**3.20**

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Registered groundwater recovery as at 30 June 2024

	Sustainable Diversion Limit Reduction Amount			Registered Bridging the Gap Recovery Progress		Total water held by the Commonwealth (GL) [4]
SDL Resource Unit (or Shared Zone)	Local Target (GL)	Shared Target (GL)	**Total Target (GL)**	**Contracted Recovery** [1][2] **(GL)**	**Registered Recovery (GL)**	
QLD Upper Condamine Alluvium (Central Condamine Alluvium)	35.40	N/A	**35.40**	35.15	**35.15**	**35.15**
QLD Upper Condamine Alluvium (Tributaries) [3]	3.05		**3.05**	0.10	**0.10**	**0.10**
NSW Murrumbidgee	N/A		N/A	0.00	**0.00**	**5.08**
NSW Murray	N/A		N/A	0.00	**0.00**	**1.50**
NSW Lachlan	N/A		N/A	0.00	**0.00**	**0.02**
Total Murray-Darling Basin	**38.45**	**N/A**	**38.45**	**35.25**	**35.25**	**41.85**

Notes:

For total water recoveries allow for minor rounding. All water recovery figures are expressed in gigalitres per year long-term diversion limit equivalence (GL/y) terms.

Groundwater recovery does not contribute to the surface water recovery target, additional groundwater recovered in New South Wales does not count towards the Queensland groundwater target.

1. Water recovery is reported at the point at which water savings or purchase have been received, estimated or agreed in signed contracts. Until water transfer contracts have settled however, these figures may be subject to change over time.

2. Estimates of water recovery are calculated using water recovery factors that allow for comparison with Basin Plan targets. These water recovery factors may be updated during the WRP accreditation process to account for the best available information. This table has been prepared consistent with accredited Water Resource Plans (WRPs) or is shown with updated factors for New South Wales. The finalisation of NSW WRPs may change the volumes reported. Further information on water recovery factors is available on our website: www.dcceew.gov.au/water/policy/mdb/water-recovery/progress-recovery/accounting

3. Queensland reviewed groundwater Baseline Diversion Limits (BDLs) as a part of the WRP process. This review highlighted licences that were authorised to take water from from three groundwater resources. Queensland has amended these licences so they may take water from one resource only. With a reduction in the BDL and the SDL remaining the same, the water recovery target in this SDL resource unit decreases by 1.95 GL/y to 3.05 GL/y.

4. Includes water recoveries which are not part of the Basin Plan targets.